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ODD FELLOWS EXCURSION TO PORTALES MONDAY

The Roosevelt-Curry County Odd Fellows' Association celebrated the 96th Anniversary of their Order at Portales, Monday, April 26th. The Association is composed of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges of Clovis, Texico, Portales, Elida, Minco, Melrose and Taiban, comprising about 500 members, all of which were well represented with the exception of Melrose and Taiban. A special train was run to Portales from Clovis carrying 89 persons, 80 of whom were members of the local lodges.

Appropriate services were held at 3 p. m. in the Portales Methodist Church commemorating the 96th anniversary of the Order. Past Grand Master C. C. Hill, of Roswell, being the principal speaker of the day. A sumptuous banquet was served at 6 p. m. after which the business of the Association was taken up. Clovis was decided on as the next meeting place and the following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, Lem A. Wright; Secretary, W. Hunter and Treasurer, Dr. H. R. Gibson.

The initiatory degree was conferred by the Clovis degree team on two candidates and the Rebekah degree was conferred by the Clovis degree team on three candidates.

The special train was in charge of trainmaster, J. J. Briscoe and the excursionists had a merry time aboard going and coming. The Rebekahs as well as the Odd Fellows were royally entertained by the Portalesites. The Rebekahs held their meeting in the Woodman Hall, where the work was exemplified by Clovis Friendship Rebekah lodge and three candidates initiated into the mysteries of the order. At 11 o'clock the Rebekahs marched in a body to the Odd Fellows' Hall where a sumptuous luncheon was given, after which the Clovis members departed for home, arriving here at 2:20 a. m.

Clovis Lodge will begin making preparation at once for the next celebration as it is expected that they will entertain about three hundred out of town Odd Fellows on April 26th, 1916.

A. M. Works, of north of Clovis, was in town with a load of maize Tuesday.

Steve Coldren Here

Steve Coldren, of Muleshoe, Texas, was in the city Monday on business. Mr. Coldren, who maintains his eastern office at Kansas City brought about forty prospective homeseekers to the Muleshoe country on this trip and is selling land in the Blackwater draw to eastern farmers of means who are developing it in the proper way. Some of the farms, which they have sold are being well improved with modern farm houses, equipped with turnaces, electric lights and complete water works systems. The land sold is irrigated by the pumping system from shallow wells and many first class pumping systems are in evidence. They do not bring prospectors who have less than \$10,000 to invest in land and improvements. The alfalfa on some of the best improved farms is now knee high and considering the reasonable price asked for land as compared with other irrigated lands, they succeed in selling almost every homeseeker brought to the valley. The Coldren Land Company are builders and developers and their activity is best demonstrated by their work.

Patton Gets Appointment

Harry Patton, who for the past five years has been practicing law in Clovis, has been appointed first assistant United States district attorney and will move to Santa Fe soon after the first where he will make his headquarters. This recognition of an able lawyer will meet with the approval of the people of the state. Mr. Patton has a host of friends in eastern New Mexico, where he is best acquainted, who are rejoicing over his good fortune and who wish him unbounded success in his new position. His duties as assistant district attorney will not bar him from practicing in the state courts.

S. A. Brown of Temple, Texas, who formerly resided in Clovis was in the city several days this week. He is a son of our old friend S. L. Brown who was engaged in the hardware business in Clovis in the pioneer days.

Mail Order Evil

Just as a small boy appeared at the money order window of the Clovis postoffice asking for an order in favor of the Parisian Silverware Company, of Montreal, Canada, postmaster A. B. Wagner received what is known in the postal service as a fraud order, from the postoffice department naming that company as a fraud and with the fraudulent use of the mails. The boy insisted that if he could not get the order that his mother sent him for that he be sold stamps to send the company and it was with some difficulty that postmaster Wagner persuaded him not to send the order to such a company which probably never existed except in name.

This is only an instance of many such schemes worked daily on the unsuspecting public and the perpetrators get all they can in a short time through extensive advertising and are gone before the authorities have time to investigate.

The News recently had an advertising contract with such a firm who offered references and who had all appearances of being on the square, but when we sent them the bill for the advertising, our letter was returned with the advice that the company was gone and "left no forwarding address."

The safest plan is to patronize home merchants and dealers and leave the mail order houses alone.

Patronize Home Industry

Clovis has a business institution that deserves better patronage and encouragement. It has probably paid out more to the farmers and ranchmen than any other business concern in the town and while most of the money is paid out in small amounts, it is kept in circulation and its benefits have been felt by every business man in Clovis. We refer to the Clovis Creamery and Produce Company. Farmers should patronize the Creamery instead of sending their cream away as this company always pays the highest market price and afforded a market for cream and poultry when there was none in Clovis. Learn to patronize home industry.

The base ball game between the Busby colored team and the regulars Friday resulted in a score of 13 to 5 in favor of the regulars.

Base Ball Player Hurt

In the game at the North Park ball grounds Sunday between the Elks of the Clovis lodge and the regulars, Roy Spaulding, one of the regular players, met with the misfortune of breaking his left wrist in a collision with the third baseman while both were attempting to catch a fly ball. Spaulding, who is a boiler maker, had just been laid off from work the evening before and was therefore barred from company hospital accommodation. Last year he sprained his ankle while playing ball at Slaton, which accident laid him up for several months. He is a fast ball player and will be missed by the regulars. Sunday was the first day that the new grand stand was occupied and a large crowd took advantage of the occasion to witness the game which resulted in a score of 'seven to one in favor of the regulars. A few of the Elks could play ball but the players as a whole were no match for their opponents. The star outfielding by Duncan and Calliott and a second base stunt by Will Curren for the Elks were the features of the game.

Editor Warren Leaves

Forrest Warren and wife will leave Saturday for his old home town of Atchison Kansas. Mr. Warren, who was for several months editor of the Journal, will be missed in Clovis, where he has made a host of friends during his short stay. He is the type of a newspaper man that we most admire as he was accommodating, courteous at all times and played the newspaper game as it should be played. We will miss him, and wish him and his family health, wealth and happiness in their Kansas home.

Mrs. Warren, who was Miss Nina Davis, has been a teacher in the public schools of Clovis for four years and is at present teaching in the fourth grade. Her work has been entirely satisfactory and she has been the recipient of many compliments. She tendered her resignation to take effect on the first of May in order that she might accompany Mr. Warren to Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Justus were in from their ranch Monday and went with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to Portales.

ANOTHER BIG DEAL MADE IN CLOVIS PROPERTY

Force Reduced

A reduction in force was what the Santa Fe termed it when they laid off seventeen or eighteen men Saturday night, but the men dismissed attribute it to the fact that they carried union cards. Some of the men dismissed have been in the service for several years but have kept the fact of their membership in the union a secret, as the Santa Fe does not employ union men when they know it, except in the road service. The men dismissed were employees in the machine shops and round house. Among those who were given their time Saturday night are Messrs Ireland, Cosh, Spaulding, Moseley, Eckenroth, Powers, Harper, Sullivan, Dutton, Moore, Thomas, Billingsley, Gibbons and several others.

Oldham Trial May 4th.

The trial of Buford D. Oldham, former mayor of Clovis, who is charged with embezzlement and who secured a change of venue to Chaves county at the last session of district court, will come up on May 4 at Roswell. Attorneys Reese, of Portales, and Patton of Clovis, will defend Oldham. Many witnesses have been subpoenaed from here.

Some Complaints

The News has had complaint lately from subscribers residing near Claud, who complain that they do not receive their paper occasionally until it is a week old. The News goes into the Clovis postoffice on Friday and the Claud subscribers should receive their paper on Saturday. If they do not do so, the fault lies some place in the postal service.

If such complaint continues the News will be compelled to take the matter up with the post office department.

A Correction.

A. W. Hockenull has not gone into the real estate business with Fred James as announced recently in the News. He expected to occupy the same office but has since decided to remain in the Clovis National room of the bank building.

Another big deal in Clovis real estate was closed this week when Hugh Coffey purchased the two story brick building on the corner of Main and Otero from John Becker, of Belen, for a consideration of \$9,000.00. This building, which is occupied by W. I. Luikart and Company, is considered as good as any in the city. Only the corner half was purchased, the inside half remaining the property of Chas. Clayton of Oklahoma. The upper story which was occupied by Mrs. Dr. E. M. Chapman as a rooming house, has been rented by Mrs. H. V. Stonehill, proprietor of the Reidoria, who will take charge on the 16th. Mrs. Stonehill has purchased \$1200.00 worth of new furniture and will fit it up second to none in Clovis. She says that it will be better furnished than the Harvey House. All Clovis real estate is rapidly advancing in value.

Justice on the Move.

Justice of the Peace, Police Judge J. P. Noble has moved his office from north main street into the American Bank building on south main street which is also being occupied by C. C. Baker and Walter Mansfield with an abstract, insurance and real estate office. Baker and Mansfield have formed a partnership in the real estate business and have arranged very attractive office rooms in their new location.

E. H. Robinson, W. A. Gillenwater and Gus Bryan will occupy the Harris building on north main street which was vacated this week by J. P. Noble and C. C. Baker. Mr. Robinson will continue to do an abstract and insurance business. Mr. Gillenwater will arrange an office room in front and a private consultation room in the rear. Gus Bryan will continue in the same location in the real estate business.

S. A. Dow one of the country builders of the Havener neighborhood was in Clovis on business Tuesday. He was accompanied by C. E. Rutter of Oxford, Mississippi, who stopped off to visit his old friend C. J. Shoup while enroute to Idaho where he expects to locate.

THE ANSWER TO THE CLOTHES QUESTION!

You are doubtless reading these days, many Advertisements concerning Clothes--big type and small type: You have been appealed to in plain figures and plied with "wonderful reductions" which you may have discovered exist mostly on paper. You have been bored with fashion, fabric and fit, and served with dissertations on Style. You have seen argument exhausted--exaggeration run rife and good horse sense depleted!

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